



East Merced Resource Conservation District (RCD)

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Call in and/zoom meeting

East Merced RCD – admin@eastmercedrzd.org

Regular RCD Board Meeting (Called to Order at 3:03pm)

Welcome and Introductions:

In Attendance: Jean Okuye, Shirish Shah, Bob Bliss, Johnnie Siliznoff, and Trina Walley

Oral Communications:

At this time any person may comment on any item that is not on the Agenda. Individual comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Please state your name and address for the record.

Testimony Corrections and/or additions to the Agenda: None at this time.

1. Consent Agenda (**ACTION**) **MSC** approved minutes with corrections and financial report balance of \$63,839.08 available money. MSC (Bliss/Shah). Passes unanimously.
 - a. June 17, 2020 minutes approval and signature – spelling corrections
 - b. Treasury Report for June 2020 County Report Funds available \$63,839.08 Walley
2. Written and Oral Updates from Partners and Projects
 - a. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Representative
 - i. Office staff are rotating use of office as NRCS is still following state guidelines on number of staff in office due to COVID19. Johnnie's last date as acting DC is August 5th. Recommend holding Workgroup in August with invites to all local partners and Merced County RCDs.
 - b. Sustainable Groundwater Agencies (SGA) Representative
 - i. Not in attendance
 - c. East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District (ESRCD) Walley
 - i. Submitted a joint proposal with River Partners for riparian restoration. Made selections for the On-Farm Conservation Innovation Grant with one located in Merced County.
 - d. NACD Project with Coarsegold RCD Okuye
 - i. Quarterly report to Julie is due this month.
3. Financial and Project Review
 - a. Transactions and Invoices for approval of payment (**ACTION**) Wentzel
 - i. \$185.68 to Wells Fargo for June and July office monthly charges plus interest and fees
 - ii. **MSC** to approve submitted invoices for payment and deposits. MSC (Bob/Shirish). Passes unanimously.
 - b. EPA Invoice for submission for payment (**ACTION**) Vollmar/Walley
 - None at this time
 - c. Bookkeeping and Audit Updates Walley
 - i. Audit In progress. Coordinate schedule with Johnnie for office access pending August dates
 - d. Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Update Okuye
 - i. No updates at this time
 - e. Pending Grant Applications (**ACTION**) Walley
 - i. DOC Riparian Restoration and Conservation joint project with River Partners and east Stanislaus Resource Conservation District. Cash match of \$20,000 needed to go with federal match from East Stanislaus RCD
 - ii. DOC watershed Coordinator grant that could be led as a regional application with Merced, Madera,

Stanislaus and Fresno to make it watershed wide.

- **MSC** to submit joint applications for both DOC grants and provide \$20,000 cash match to the **Riparian Restoration and Conservation Grant**. MSC (Bob/ Shirish). Passes unanimously.

f. Pending Contracts with Partners **(ACTION)**

- None at this time

4. Requirements of the Board

a. Annual Workplan

- i. Hold local workgroup meeting as lead or co-lead

- **MSC** to approve budget as presented. MSC (Bob/ Shirish). Passes unanimously.

b. Review Final Draft of Annual Workplan and Strategic Plan **(ACTION)** Walley

- Based on input from board at last meeting annual workplan and strategic plan is in recommended format by CARCD with correlating strategic goals in both documents
- **MSC** to approve both documents as presented. MSC (Bob/ Joe). Passes unanimously.

c. Tier 1 Requirements Walley

- i. Reminder to Board Members for Ethics training website and requested certificates for file and 700 forms needed. No action needed at this time.

- ii. Policy updates will be needed in future as it should be reviewed annually for new requirements.

d. Review and consideration of correspondence **(ACTION)** Walley

- California Bat Monitoring Group looking for properties to participate as monitoring site with cameras.

5. Adjournment at 3:59 pm

NEXT MEETING August 19, 2020 AT 3:00pm

Minutes approved:

Board Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____